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I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed Microsoft settlement. The proposed settlement does not penalize Microsoft for its history of *punishing* computer manufacturers for selling PCs containing software or Operating Systems made by competitors of Microsoft. Such actions by Microsoft are the antithesis of free trade. The proposed settlement also does not prevent Microsoft from partaking in this type of cutthroat behavior in the future. It also does not prevent Microsoft from _intentionally_ building into its applications incompatibilities in order to keep them from running on competing operating systems, and intentionally inserting incompatibilities into user files created in Microsoft applications so that such files cannot be used in applications created by competing software companies.

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